



The
Ramsdell
Regional Center for the Arts

101 Maple Street
Manistee, MI 49660

June 15, 2017

Office of Rep. Curt VanderWall
S-1385 House Office Building
P.O. Box 30014
Lansing, MI 48909

Dear Representative VanderWall,

On behalf of the Board of the Ramsdell Regional Center for the Arts in Manistee, I am writing to express support for the revision to Section 436.1509 of Michigan compiled laws.

The Ramsdell is owned by the City of Manistee, but it is leased and managed by the Ramsdell Regional Center for the Arts (RRCA), a non-profit independent board. The city has expressed its expectation for the new board to make the RRCA financially viable for the long term and for the city to be able to reduce its subsidy. One of the ways in which the RRCA Board can raise funds and increase cash flow for the facility is through concessions that include alcoholic beverages. This opportunity would be greatly enhanced by a minor revision to Section 436.1509 of Michigan compiled laws which would reduce the size of a city or township that qualifies for an unrestricted liquor license from 9500 to 5500. With this amendment, our city could apply to the liquor control commission for an unrestricted license.

Our board encourages you to do everything you can to get this change through the legislative process. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Sarah Helge
President
Ramsdell Regional Center for the Arts